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DEQ seeks information on illegal dumping of drums in Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE – The Department of Environmental Quality is looking for information regarding the illegal dumping of ten drums near Spanish Town Road in Baton Rouge.

Eight 55-gallon drums and two 35-gallon drums were dumped around the week of July 13 near the curve connecting North 10th Street and North 11th Street near Spanish Town Road. Working in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Unit, DEQ inspectors conducted field tests on the re-used drums and determined that they contained waste oil; with one drum containing acid.



Five of the drums are plastic; the others are steel or metal. It is unknown who the responsible party is at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this illegal dumping incident is asked to call DEQ toll free at 1-888-763-5424 or the DEQ Criminal Investigation Division at (225) 219-3944.